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DAYTON, Ohio, September 13, 1971 --- Mr. John R. Widomski, son of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Widomski of 325 Ogden Street, Bridgeport, Connecticut, and a senior at the University of Dayton, will deliver a paper, "Mercury Analysis of Fish, Water and Sediment for Great Miami (Ohio) River Basin," at the Technicians Symposium of the 162nd annual American Chemical Society convention this Thursday, September 16, in Washington, D.C.

The paper is the result of a mercury analysis in fish testing program which took place last winter and spring as a part of a Chemical Technology course on pollution at the University. Mr. Widomski was selected by his professor, Mr. Garth W. Lawless, to develop the paper and present it to the American Chemical Society.

The Society selected it as one of the papers to be delivered before the Technicians' Symposium. Mercury was found to be excessive in three of the more than 50 samples voluntarily brought in by the public but there was no evidence of any dangerous levels, nor trends toward such levels. The Great Miami River has been one of the great fishing streams for Ohioans for hundreds of years and it flows into the Ohio River. Complaints from environmental groups that industry was polluting the river brought on the University of Dayton project.

Professor Lawless received cooperation in the program from the City of Dayton Water Engineering department, Dayton Chapter of ACS, Miami Conservancy District, and Tra Det Laboratories of Columbus, who utilized their equipment in the analysis via atomic absorption spectroscopy.

Mr. Widomski is a graduate of Kolbe High School in Bridgeport. He is currently a member of the Chemical Technology Faculty-Student Committee.